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Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 24 March 2004.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Anderson et al., "Genetic Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization: The Assembly Line Balancing Problem".

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: A general overview of the intended invention and proposed amendments were discussed, as well as how the claims differ from the cited art. Also addressed was the scope of the claims as disclosed with respect to the specification, and the relationship between step three [e.g., associating offspring] and step four [e.g., selecting second-generation solutions] of claim one. In particular, the relationship which governs the association and selection of second-generation solutions based upon rating or scoring attributes. Based on the discussion, the examiner will reconsider the proposed amendment and fully consider subsequent submissions.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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